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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MT

SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING WITH FELICE

REF: STATE 102878

1. DR. FELICE INFORMED DEPTOFF ON APRIL 21 THAT MINTOFF  
HAD TELEPHONED THAT MORNING TO ASK IF FELICE WOULD HAVE  
PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO MINTOFF LETTER THAT SAME DAY AND  
INSTRUCTING HIM TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH UNDER  
SECRETARY NEWSOM RE LOANS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR  
MARSALOKK HARBOR. FELICE WAS INFORMED NEWSOM UNAVAILABLE  
AND MEETING WITH EUR WAS ARRANGED.

2. IN VERY BRIEF MEETING, FELICE RELAYED MINTOFF REQUEST  
FOR LOANS FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. DEPTOFF ANSWERED THAT  
RESPONSE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO  
MINTOFF'S LETTER WHICH WE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER  
THROUGH AMBASSADOR LAINGEN. WE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW  
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LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO STAFF THIS NEW REQUEST.

3. FELICE SAID HE HAD MET WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL AND CON-  
GRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING WITH  
RESPECT TO THE PROSPECTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF AID

TO MALTA. FELICE'S DESCRIPTION OF THESE MEETINGS DIVERGED

SHARPLY FROM THAT OF AGIUS, WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT (AND WHO STATED THAT BOTH CONGRESSMEN WERE PRESSIMISTIC, ESPECIALLY O'NEILL).

4. FELICE SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE ATTENTION HE HAD RECEIVED ON THE HILL AND CHEERFULLY ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT "BRIEF COURTESY CALL" WITH PRESIDENT CARTER HE HAD REQUESTED THE DAY BEFORE HAD PROVED IMPOSSIBLE. (FYI: HE HAD ALSO INFORMED MR. NEWSOM THAT IF THE US GAVE ASSISTANCE TO MALTA, PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF MIGHT WISH TO MAKE A VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. NEWSOM WAS NONCOMMITTAL). END FYI) VANCE

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